CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 53.mp4

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1401000.002

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

Director: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Japanese

Applicant: New Zealand Defence Force Military Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 07 January 2015

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 07 January 2015

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	53.mp4	6:24
Total running time:		6:24

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is a computer moving image file, rendered in anime style, which depicts a woman being coerced to perform sexual acts, escalating to violent rape, and ending with her committing suicide. The publication is wholly dedicated to rape activity as a means of facilitating the viewer's sexual arousal. The anime style allows for the exaggeration of the rape activity and capitalises on the more distressing features of the publication. For those inclined to be aroused by images of sexual violence directed against women this publication serves to promote, as well as legitimise,

that interest. The publication is thus deemed objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act).

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable.